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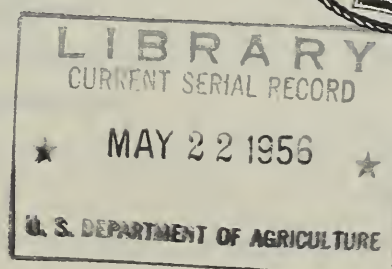
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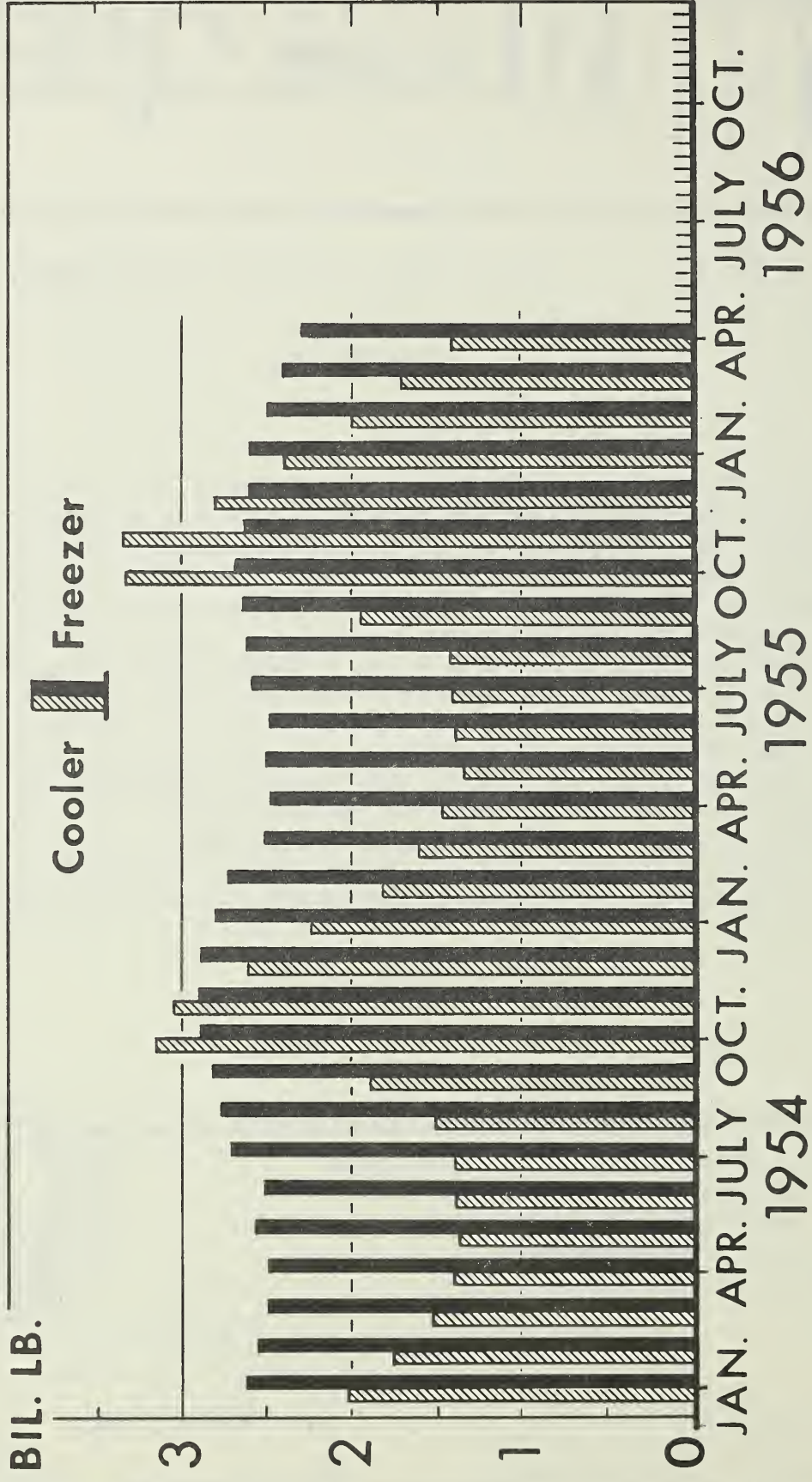
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NET WEIGHT OF COOLER AND FREEZER COMMODITIES



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COLD STORAGE REPORT

Analysis of holdings and space April 30, 1956

Data for this report are collected from public, private, and semiprivate warehouses, apple houses, and meat-packing plants where food products are generally stored for 30 days or more. Commodities in space owned or leased and operated by the armed services are not reported. All April 30 figures are preliminary. 7

Commodity summary

Warehouse stocks of red meats were reduced during April by average amounts according to reports received by the Agricultural Marketing Service. The net disappearance of 24 million pounds of pork, beef, and other meats left 855 million pounds of red meats in storage which was 7 percent less than the April 1950-55 average but 4 percent above the stocks of a year earlier. The April change in warehouse stocks of both butter and American cheese was contrary to the average change for this time of year. Butter stocks were down 10 million pounds to 78 million. American cheese, down 6 million, totaled 427 million pounds by April 30. This time last year approximately 294 million pounds of butter and 468 million pounds of American cheese were in storage. Refrigerated stocks of poultry were reduced to 133 million pounds compared with 128 million a year earlier and 159 million pounds, the April 30, 5-year average. The April decrease of 22 million pounds was only about 60 percent as much as the average and last year's net disappearance. Stocks of shell eggs were doubled during April and by the month's end totaled 629,000 cases; the April 30 average is 1.2 million cases. Frozen egg stocks were up to 94 million pounds compared with 126 million on April 30, 1955, and the 5-year average of 116 million pounds. Seasonal net withdrawals of 46 million pounds of frozen fruits reduced warehouse holdings to 254 million pounds.

Storage occupancy

April 30 cooler occupancy was below the 1950-55 averages in all areas of the country except in the New England and West South Central States. Occupancy was below average in varying amounts ranging from 2 points (East North Central) to 9 points (Pacific). National cooler occupancy, at 56 percent, was lowest for this date since 1950 and the fourth lowest on record for April 30. Freezer occupancy of 63 percent on April 30 compares with 66 percent a year earlier and the 5-year average of 71 percent. In all areas but one, freezer occupancy was considerably below average. The exception was West South Central where a 74 percent occupancy was reported which was 13 points above the area average for this date.

General commodity movement

Warehouse stocks of food in cooler space declined during April by 218 million pounds leaving 1.4 billion on hand by the end of the month. Stock increases for dried and evaporated fruits, selected dairy and meat products, and eggs were more than balanced by the net disappearances in holdings of fresh fruits, vegetables, nuts, and certain meats. In freezer storage, commodities totaled 2.3 billion pounds--down 59 million pounds from the month before. Of all the freezer-stored items, stocks of cream, eggs, juices, and selected meat products were the only items showing stock increases during April.

Juices, fruits, and vegetables

The April increase in orange concentrate stocks was short of the gain reported a year earlier. An increase of 3 million gallons--last year it was 5 and the average is 4--brought warehouse stocks to 30 million gallons. This compares with 32 million in storage a year earlier and the average of 23 million gallons. The April seasonal reduction in frozen fruit stocks was 46 million pounds,

about equal to the change of a year earlier, but 10 percent greater than average for this time of year. April 30 frozen fruit stocks totaled 254 million pounds, 14 percent more than in 1955 and 29 percent greater than average. The frozen fruit items which declined most during April were strawberries, cherries, raspberries, and peaches. These 4 fruit items accounted for about three-fourths of the total net disappearance. Refrigerated stocks of frozen vegetables were down to 420 million pounds by April 30--a decrease of 31 million pounds from a month earlier. This change was about the same as a year earlier but 7 percent under average for this date. With warehouse stocks totaling about 420 million pounds, frozen vegetable supplies were 2 percent less than last year but 12 percent above average for April 30.

Dairy and poultry products

Refrigerated holdings of creamery butter were down to 78 million pounds by April 30, as warehouse stocks were reduced by 10 million pounds. This movement, while contrary to the 5-year average increase of 6 million pounds, followed the pattern of a year earlier when 18 million pounds, net, moved from storage. Current butter stocks were only about one-fourth as large as those of a year earlier and not quite half as large as average for April 30. American cheese holdings, too, were down from the month before which was contrary to the normally expected change. The 6 million pound reduction left 427 million in storage or 9 percent less than this time last year. Average American cheese holdings for this date are 289 million pounds. Net accumulation of shell eggs so far this season are falling far short of average gains and the gains of a year earlier. During April, holdings were increased by 320,000 cases which were only about three-fifths the average April seasonal increase and not quite half as large as the increase in 1955. Total April 30 stocks were up to 629,000 cases compared with about 1.2 million cases the year before. Frozen poultry stocks did not move from storage during April in as great a quantity as last year or the average. A 22 million pound reduction, the average is 37, left 133 million pounds of poultry in storage. This time last year, with a 35 million pound net reduction during April, 128 million pounds were in storage. Turkey stocks, at 49 million pounds on April 30, were the lowest since 1949. Current holdings compare with 71 million pounds for both a year earlier and average for this date.

Meat and meat products

Refrigerated stocks of red meats declined seasonally during April to 855 million pounds. A year earlier, holdings totaled 822 million while the average for April 30 is 916 million pounds. Beef holdings, at 171 million pounds, were down 17 million from the month before. Pork, at 509 million pounds, was down 5 million, and holdings of other meats declined 1 million pounds to total 175 million pounds at month's end. Frozen pork was down to 395 million pounds or a reduction of 3 million since March 31. Last April, stocks totaled 400 million pounds while 409 million is average for this date. Dry salt pork stocks at 25 million pounds compare with 38 million a year ago April 30 and the average of 45 million pounds.

Storage outlook

At the outset of the 1956-57 storage season, cooler occupancy, at 56 percent, was the lowest for this date in the past 5 years. The April increase of 1 point was about average but short of the 2-point increase reported this time last year. However, during May, a 3-point increase may be expected, if the 5-year average pattern prevails. For freezers, a continuation of the downward cycle may prevail during May with a decline of 1 point not unlikely.

Table 1. -- Net changes in storage holdings during April (1)

Cooler commodities	Holdings Apr. 30, 1956	April net change		Freezer commodities	Holdings Apr. 30, 1956	April net change	
		Quantity	Pct.			Quantity	Pct.
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	Pct.		1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	Pct.
Apples.....	187,440	-203,136	52	Cream.....	12,675	5,881	87
Pears.....	6,200	-11,700	65	Butter, creamery..	77,540	-10,300	12
Other fresh fruits	6,557	-2,850	30	Eggs.....	94,417	33,013	54
Fresh vegetables..	55,593	-5,977	10	Poultry.....	133,058	-22,038	14
Dried & evap. fts.	37,242	1,330	4	Fruits.....	253,604	-46,454	15
Nuts & nut meats..	205,885	-653	-	Juices.....	435,715	35,813	9
Cheese.....	457,036	-3,385	1	Vegetables.....	419,755	-30,633	7
Other dairy prod..	14,959	5,567	59	Beef.....	163,220	-17,142	10
Shell eggs.....	28,305	14,400	-	Veal.....	16,029	-1,271	7
Dried eggs.....	2,909	102	4	Pork.....	426,206	-4,117	1
Beef.....	7,981	-105	1	Lamb and mutton..	8,847	-1,028	10
Pork.....	82,601	-1,200	1	Edible offal.....	58,558	-4,568	7
Sausage.....	9,504	155	2	Sausage.....	6,568	490	8
Canned meats.....	75,782	4,837	7	Miscellaneous....	201,013	3,156	2
Miscellaneous.....	262,766	-15,600	6				
Total.....	1,440,760	-218,215	13	Total.....	2,307,205	-59,198	3

(1) For a detailed breakdown see the tables that follow.

Table 2. -- End-of-month apple holdings, by States

State	April 1951-55 av.	April 1955	March 1956 (1)	April 1956 (1)
	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.
Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut	98	115	394	119
New York.....	505	635	1,401	580
New Jersey.....	153	117	196	109
Pennsylvania.....	83	67	140	82
Ohio.....	71	59	84	63
Illinois.....	162	106	74	43
Michigan.....	129	145	(2) 179	(2) 63
Missouri.....	33	30	24	9
Kansas.....	6	8	8	5
Virginia.....	296	172	295	104
West Virginia.....	37	18	78	30
Washington.....	1,848	2,023	4,390	2,260
Oregon.....	72	17	86	7
California.....	447	479	582	335
Other States.....	157	123	206	96
U. S. Total.....	4,097	4,114	8,137	3,905

(1) Includes cannery stocks which heretofore were excluded.

(2) Based upon more complete returns than in earlier years.

TABLE 3. -- End-of-month stocks of fruits, vegetables, and nuts

Net changes in stocks during April and comparisons:

Fresh apples: Decreased by 4 million bushels; April 1955 decrease was 4 million bushels; average April decrease was 4 million bushels.

Fresh pears: Decreased by 234 thousand bushels; April 1955 decrease was 260 thousand bushels; average April decrease was 153 thousand bushels.

Commodity	Unit	April 1951-55 av.	April 1955	March 1956	April 1956
		<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>
Apples, fresh:					
Western (1)	Standard boxes	2,456	2,612	4,932	2,589
Western	Other containers	113	57	263	123
Eastern	Bushel baskets	643	528	779	364
Eastern	Other containers	885	917	2,163	829
Total	Bushel	4,097	4,114	8,137	3,905
Pears, fresh:					
Bartletts	Boxes, baskets, etc.	5	1	1	1
Bartletts	L.A. lugs	(2)	(2)	3	-
Other varieties	Boxes, baskets, etc.	88	125	327	115
Other varieties	L.A. lugs	(2)	(2)	45	13
Total	Boxes, baskets, etc.	(3) 93	(3) 126	376	129
Other fruits, vegetables, and nuts:					
Fresh grapes	Pound	(4)	212	3,219	86
Other fresh fruits	do.	6,607	4,784	6,188	6,471
Dried & evaporated fruits	do.	42,805	38,659	35,912	37,242
Onions	do.	16,531	23,003	17,187	8,859
Celery	do.	625	196	595	819
Other fresh vegetables	do.	77,634	80,223	43,788	45,915
Nut meats, peanuts	do.	45,266	51,010	97,871	94,955
Nut meats, other nuts	do.	33,795	30,939	39,738	47,466
Peanuts, in shell	do.	2,405	5,481	7,744	7,651
Other nuts, in shell	do.	44,263	24,602	61,185	55,813

(1) Western apples are those grown in Washington, Oregon, California, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

(2) Not reported separately prior to January 31, 1956.

(3) In terms of bushels.

(4) Data not available.

TABLE 4. — End-of-month stocks of frozen fruits and vegetables

Net changes in stocks during April and comparisons

Frozen fruits: Decreased by 46 million pounds; April 1955 decrease was 46 million pounds; average April decrease was 42 million pounds.

Frozen vegetables: Decreased by 31 million pounds; April 1955 decrease was 30 million pounds; average April decrease was 33 million pounds.

Frozen orange juice: Increased by 3 million gallons; April 1955 increase was 5 million gallons; average April increase was 4 million gallons.

Commodity	April 1951-55 av.	April 1955	March 1956	April 1956
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Fruits, frozen:				
Apples	27,814	36,629	42,177	42,395
Apricots	2,336	1,625	7,355	6,721
Blackberries	6,035	6,389	7,721	5,919
Blueberries	11,460	17,277	14,698	12,150
Cherries	28,502	29,204	40,978	33,181
Grapes	9,987	8,124	10,842	9,556
Peaches	16,291	19,198	28,943	25,448
Plums and prunes	5,673	5,571	7,586	7,307
Raspberries	15,593	21,077	20,993	17,238
Strawberries	45,933	40,633	83,388	63,835
Youngberries, Loganberries, etc.	5,231	7,096	10,707	8,240
All other fruits	21,647	29,584	24,670	21,614
Total	196,502	222,407	300,058	253,604
Juices, frozen:				
Orange juice	232,066	318,340	269,967	296,929
Gallons equivalent (1)	23,441	32,156	27,269	29,993
Other fruit juices and purees	89,077	125,940	129,935	138,786
Vegetables, frozen:				
Asparagus	6,724	7,293	7,452	10,996
Beans, lima	51,369	66,016	65,603	56,483
Beans, snap	32,315	42,816	46,029	37,118
Broccoli	32,140	25,888	34,766	31,666
Brussels sprouts	15,144	21,011	15,286	12,590
Cauliflower	12,186	9,930	16,036	13,780
Corn, sweet	31,113	57,336	39,513	31,188
Mixed vegetables	(2)	(2)	14,066	12,268
Peas, green	60,411	46,329	57,382	44,381
Peas and carrots, mixed	(2)	(2)	6,665	5,436
Potatoes, french fried	(2)	(2)	33,167	39,677
Spinach	40,811	39,841	27,849	45,787
All other vegetables	91,141	110,219	86,574	78,385
Total	373,354	426,679	450,388	419,755

(1) Converted on the basis of 9.9 pounds per gallon.

(2) Data not available.

TABLE 5. -- End-of-month stocks of dairy and poultry products

Net changes in stocks during April and comparisons:

Cream: Increased by 6 million pounds; April 1955 increase was 3 million pounds; average April increase was 4 million pounds.

Butter: Decreased by 10 million pounds; April 1955 decrease was 18 million pounds; average April change was an increase of 6 million pounds.

Cheese: Decreased by 3 million pounds; April 1955 change was an increase of 8 million pounds; average April increase was 19 million pounds.

Shell eggs: Increased by 320 thousand cases; April 1955 increase was 704 thousand cases; average April increase was 537 thousand cases.

Frozen eggs: Increased by 33 million pounds; April 1955 increase was 42 million pounds; average April increase was 39 million pounds.

Frozen poultry: Decreased by 22 million pounds; April 1955 decrease was 35 million pounds; average April decrease was 37 million pounds.

Commodity	Unit	April 1951-55 av.	April 1955	March 1956	April 1956
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Cream, milk, and butter:					
Fluid cream	Pound	8,093	6,229	6,099	9,868
Plastic cream (75-85% butterfat)	do.	1,375	1,373	695	2,807
Condensed milk (bulk)	do.	7,697	3,629	6,636	8,756
Evap. and Cond. milk (case goods)	do.	7,972	5,565	2,756	6,203
Butter, creamery.	do.	172,278	293,203	87,840	77,540
Cheese:					
American Cheddar.	do.	288,781	467,671	433,358	427,152
Swiss, including block	do.	8,616	10,410	7,196	6,917
All other varieties	do.	18,538	23,009	19,867	22,967
Total cheese.	do.	315,935	501,090	460,421	457,036
Eggs:					
Shell	Case	1,177	1,183	309	629
Frozen eggs, total.	Pound	116,347	125,833	61,404	94,417
Whites.	do.	35,394	36,582	15,477	25,142
Yolks	do.	26,938	32,287	20,031	28,880
Whole or mixed.	do.	48,986	51,516	22,180	35,181
Unclassified	do.	5,029	5,448	3,716	5,214
Dried eggs (egg solids)	do.	16,229	2,507	2,807	2,909
Total eggs (1).	Case	5,790	4,697	2,179	3,366
Poultry, frozen:					
Broilers or fryers	Pound	18,026	9,978	22,422	21,893
Roasters.	do.	7,671	3,240	5,929	4,984
Hens, fowls	do.	33,724	20,663	33,648	28,202
Turkeys	do.	70,942	70,698	63,859	48,962
Ducks	do.	3,158	4,096	3,194	3,143
Miscellaneous	do.	7,910	6,517	5,919	6,521
Unclassified	do.	17,535	12,357	20,125	19,353
Total poultry	do.	158,966	127,549	155,096	133,058

(1) Case equivalent. Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 38.5 pounds to the case and dried eggs on the basis of 10.2 pounds to the case.

TABLE 6. -- End-of-month stocks of dairy and poultry products, by States,
April 30, 1956

State	Cream		Creamery butter	American cheese	Shell eggs	Frozen eggs	Total poultry
	Fluid	Plastic					
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 cases	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Massachusetts	94		998	1,143	11	1,254	3,780
Other States			254	105	7	534	1,809
New England.			1,252	1,248	18	1,788	5,589
New York	5,659	904	7,617	70,956	42	5,440	14,371
New Jersey.	231		3,910	7,863	55	3,321	7,194
Pennsylvania.	1,312	533	2,029	11,054	16	2,625	10,267
Middle Atlantic.			13,556	89,873	113	11,386	31,832
Ohio.	861		2,446	12,742	8	3,140	4,297
Indiana			277	1,746	6	2,461	762
Illinois	2		27,720	26,691	295	14,943	13,737
Michigan.	250		252	8,824	9	854	2,685
Wisconsin	97		3,523	153,311		349	660
East North Central			34,218	203,314	318	21,747	22,141
Minnesota	22	290	16,867	13,778	14	2,987	3,033
Iowa.	48		2,589	1,920	3	5,916	928
Missouri.	50	555	458	42,316	27	19,219	4,910
Dakotas			122	74		263	60
Nebraska.	61		885	1,819	26	3,017	6,923
Kansas			697	14,318	13	9,178	973
West North Central			21,618	74,225	83	40,580	16,827
South Atlantic			1,640	20,498	21	4,036	16,152
Kentucky.			360	9,171	5	697	813
Tennessee			380	9,689	1	2,900	1,071
Ala. and Mississippi.			318	2,738	1	305	969
East South Central			1,058	21,598	7	3,902	2,853
Arkansas and Louisiana			592	1,524	3	962	2,358
Oklahoma.			840	547	1	1,320	870
Texas	15	27	343	3,020	17	3,860	4,423
West South Central			1,775	5,091	21	6,142	7,651
Colorado.			694	453	13	307	996
Other States			209	1,099	3	118	2,425
Mountain			903	1,552	16	425	3,421
Washington.			256	269	4	633	2,415
Oregon			59	4,652	4	206	1,914
California	351	15	1,205	4,832	24	3,572	22,263
Pacific.			1,520	9,753	32	4,411	26,592
Other States.	815	483					
United States.	9,868	2,807	77,540	427,152	629	94,417	133,058

TABLE 7. — End-of-month stocks of meats and meat products

Net changes in stocks during April and comparisons:

Beef: Decreased by 17 million pounds; April 1955 decrease was 10 million pounds; average April decrease was 18 million pounds.

Pork: Decreased by 5 million pounds; April 1955 decrease was 4 million pounds; average April decrease was 5 million pounds.

Other meats: Decreased by 1 million pounds; April 1955 change was an increase of 1 million pounds; average April change was a decrease of 2 million pounds.

Commodity	April 1951-55 av. 1,000 pounds	April 1955 1,000 pounds	March 1956 1,000 pounds	April 1956 1,000 pounds
Beef:				
Frozen	159,487	123,491	178,672	161,736
In cure, cured and smoked	10,084	8,416	9,776	9,465
Total	169,571	131,907	188,448	171,201
Pork:				
Frozen	409,166	399,534	398,631	395,214
Dry salt, in cure and cured	45,374	37,875	29,099	25,479
Other in cure, cured, and smoked	140,783	102,025	86,394	88,114
Total	595,323	539,434	514,124	508,807
Other meats and meat products:				
Sausage and sausage room products	16,097	14,433	15,427	16,072
Frozen lamb and mutton	10,914	9,677	9,875	8,847
Frozen veal	12,211	11,942	17,300	16,029
Canned meats and meat products	55,554	60,012	70,945	75,782
All edible offal	56,242	54,269	63,126	58,558
Total	151,018	150,333	176,673	175,288
Total all meats	915,912	821,674	879,245	855,296
Hides and pelts	64,061	89,831	62,826	59,682

Table 8. — End-of-month stocks of fishery products (1)

Species	April 1955	March 1956	April 1956
	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>
Frozen fish:			
Bait & animal food (salt & fresh-water.....)	9,174	6,454	9,529
Salt-water:			
Filletts and steaks:			
Blocks and slabs.....	11,424	9,069	9,353
Cod.....	7,907	7,025	8,002
Flounder.....	1,686	3,879	3,566
Haddock.....	10,805	8,712	11,788
Halibut.....	1,514	1,368	1,473
Ocean perch.....	7,441	8,511	8,813
Pollock.....	307	1,076	946
Salmon.....	409	315	246
Whiting (incl. split "butterfly").....	444	796	1,428
Other filletts and steaks.....	3,558	2,967	2,904
Fish sticks or pieces (cooked & uncooked, all species).....	5,968	6,040	6,586
Round, dressed, etc.:			
Halibut.....	4,968	3,417	1,890
Mackerel (except Spanish).....	609	1,281	949
Sablefish.....	1,240	1,955	1,324
Salmon:			
King or chinook.....	1,726	1,391	686
Silver or coho.....	1,326	1,056	614
Fall or chum.....	389	205	141
Unclassified.....	846	565	473
Smelt.....	1,951	855	850
Swordfish.....	1,930	1,340	1,337
Tuna.....	889	422	92
Whiting, headed and gutted.....	1,701	6,051	5,964
Other salt-water fish (except bait)....	13,249	13,125	11,879
Fresh-water:			
Filletts and steaks.....	216	371	246
Round, dressed, etc.:			
Chubs.....	638	708	532
Trout.....	1,035	972	857
Whitefish.....	1,671	1,524	1,426
Other fresh-water fish (except bait)....	4,832	2,844	3,243
Frozen shellfish:			
Crabs (incl. crab meat).....	625	1,403	1,940
Lobster tails (spiny).....	2,773	3,972	3,688
Oysters.....	633	494	734
Scallops.....	898	1,669	1,502
Shrimp, raw and headless.....	12,405	16,149	10,653
All other.....	3,554	7,068	5,120
Squid.....	355	270	234
Other shellfish.....	1,573	2,140	1,638
Total frozen fish and shellfish.....	122,669	127,459	122,646
Cured fish.....	12,846	15,229	14,611
Total all fish and shellfish.....	135,515	142,688	137,257

(1) Data furnished by the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service.

TABLE 9. -- Cold storage holdings, by geographic regions, April 30, 1956

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Fruits, frozen:											
Apples	Pound	2,128	15,700	7,797	1,950	11,468	245	1,094	238	1,775	42,395
Apricots	do.	93	417	736	221	70	7	192	97	4,888	6,721
Blackberries	do.	25	751	923	1,486	249	522	377	35	1,551	5,919
Blueberries	do.	1,728	3,317	3,742	1,448	642	187	103	77	906	12,150
Cherries	do.	233	14,361	10,508	2,490	907	235	637	841	2,969	33,181
Grapes	do.	6	4,654	4,279	312	50	93	31	36	95	9,556
Peaches	do.	603	5,879	4,443	1,702	5,020	503	902	366	6,030	25,448
Plums and prunes	do.	40	3,023	2,446	144	52	237	165	31	169	7,307
Raspberries	do.	938	4,566	3,565	2,186	302	248	137	274	5,022	17,238
Strawberries	do.	4,427	13,036	10,347	7,708	4,630	2,034	2,722	1,043	17,888	63,835
Youngberries, Loganberries, etc.	do.	15	573	653	234	34	22	74	131	6,504	8,240
All other fruits	do.	4,020	3,857	3,104	1,667	1,036	473	844	251	6,152	21,614
Total	do.	14,256	70,134	52,543	21,548	24,460	4,806	7,288	3,420	55,149	253,604
Juices, frozen:											
Orange juice (1)	do.	5,359	18,918	11,780	6,911	222,410	1,290	3,521	2,269	24,471	296,929
Other fruit juices and purees	do.	2,870	28,839	15,193	9,377	51,896	1,090	6,745	1,144	21,632	138,786
Vegetables, frozen:											
Asparagus	do.	369	1,839	740	359	812	198	382	141	6,156	10,996
Beans, lima	do.	936	11,774	5,618	5,312	9,358	2,244	1,188	1,536	18,517	56,483
Beans, snap	do.	1,225	13,021	2,893	1,701	4,193	906	900	212	12,067	37,118
Broccoli	do.	819	5,267	2,083	2,416	1,955	825	1,164	311	16,826	31,666
Brussels sprouts	do.	323	2,593	1,066	1,441	706	588	523	287	5,063	12,590
Cauliflower	do.	505	3,225	1,120	1,275	1,517	461	772	246	4,659	13,780
Corn, sweet	do.	552	7,681	3,831	5,960	1,528	661	1,242	400	9,333	31,188
Mixed vegetables	do.	205	2,029	1,747	1,687	985	307	166	207	4,935	12,268
Peas, green	do.	2,772	11,141	4,907	4,560	2,733	838	1,476	692	15,262	44,381
Peas and carrots, mixed	do.	175	1,076	309	535	469	115	168	327	2,262	5,436
Potatoes, french fried	do.	11,785	4,599	3,083	5,830	1,505	679	255	5,489	6,452	39,677
Spinach	do.	757	10,213	2,814	2,711	3,345	2,290	2,283	322	21,052	45,787
All other vegetables	do.	2,465	14,379	10,122	9,373	14,595	4,420	3,396	1,449	18,186	78,385
Total	do.	22,888	88,837	40,333	43,160	43,701	14,532	13,915	11,619	140,770	419,755
Fruits, vegetables and nuts:											
Fresh grapes	do.	-	30	55	166	625	-	1	-	2,592	86
Other fresh fruits	do.	20	2,220	736	965	1,001	61	51	-	5,446	6,471
Dried and evaporated fruits	do.	847	21,648	6,571	2,041	54	162	594	8	1,158	37,242
Onions	do.	-	5,368	2,041	9	4	-	229	-	-	8,859
Celery	do.	-	576	204	9	4	24	2	-	-	819
Other fresh vegetables	do.	3,756	8,900	7,088	5,823	736	1,912	1,606	5,898	10,196	45,915
Peanut meats	do.	2,087	1,451	7,386	1,251	55,868	5,062	21,610	-	240	94,955
Other nut meats	do.	1,420	11,102	5,374	3,687	1,949	928	5,147	78	17,781	47,466
Peanuts, in shell	do.	60	246	1,567	159	5,432	10	149	-	28	7,651
Other nuts, in shell	do.	108	2,368	3,595	5,400	9,407	1,007	17,851	36	16,041	55,813
Fresh apples	Bushel	128	771	184	18	141	7	40	1	2,615	3,905
Fresh pears	Boxes(2)	-	13	4	-	1	-	-	-	111	129

(1) Concentrated and single strength.

(2) Standard boxes, bushel baskets, lugs, etc.

Continued

TABLE 9. -- Cold storage holdings, by geographic regions, April 30, 1956

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Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Dairy products and eggs:											
Cream (not including plastic)	Pound	108	7,202	1,210	181	325	261	73	78	430	9,868
Cream, plastic	do.	20	1,523	126	845	251	-	27	-	15	2,807
Butter, creamery	do.	1,252	13,556	34,218	21,618	1,640	1,058	1,775	903	1,520	77,540
Cheese, American Cheddar	do.	1,248	89,873	203,314	74,225	20,498	21,598	5,091	1,552	9,753	427,152
Cheese, Swiss including block	do.	64	410	3,570	2,088	4	-	31	640	110	6,917
Cheese, all other varieties	do.	629	7,852	11,070	834	671	249	816	423	423	22,967
Eggs, shell	Case	18	113	318	83	21	7	21	16	32	629
Eggs, frozen	Pound	1,788	11,386	21,747	40,580	4,036	3,902	6,142	425	4,411	94,417
Eggs, dried (egg solids)	do.	39	136	319	2,339	-	-	15	1	60	2,909
Poultry, frozen:											
Broilers or fryers	do.	1,111	3,582	2,323	2,237	4,841	767	3,081	418	3,533	21,893
Roasters	do.	646	2,258	739	605	213	-	54	28	441	4,984
Hens, fowls	do.	1,122	10,392	4,357	4,996	920	198	996	46	5,175	28,202
Turkeys	do.	2,158	10,975	7,241	6,270	3,365	705	2,716	2,047	13,485	48,962
Ducks	do.	138	1,203	979	210	182	38	72	17	304	3,143
Miscellaneous	do.	347	1,795	1,989	1,224	135	78	39	16	898	6,521
Unclassified	do.	67	1,627	4,513	1,285	6,496	1,067	693	849	2,756	19,353
Total	do.	5,589	31,832	22,141	16,827	16,152	2,853	7,651	3,421	26,592	133,058
Meats, meat products and fish:											
Beef, frozen	do.	13,263	21,992	50,159	28,499	5,092	5,491	12,772	3,717	20,751	161,736
Veal, frozen	do.	1,255	3,993	4,224	2,153	788	399	1,965	255	997	16,029
Pork, frozen	do.	9,866	27,976	134,562	149,705	18,836	15,247	16,659	4,584	17,779	395,214
Lamb and mutton, frozen	do.	509	1,840	2,087	1,663	184	39	1,247	412	866	8,847
Beef, in cure, cured and smoked	do.	203	2,920	2,871	2,358	519	6	130	30	428	9,465
Dry salt pork, in cure & cured	do.	97	455	7,061	12,047	2,668	568	1,506	778	299	25,479
All other pork, in cure, cured and smoked	do.	245	9,243	14,813	44,836	5,958	1,557	4,321	1,660	5,481	88,114
All edible offal	do.	1,342	4,668	18,441	23,037	1,737	2,152	1,877	2,000	3,304	58,558
Sausage room products	do.	197	3,930	3,553	4,507	1,374	418	342	169	1,582	16,072
Canned meats and meat products	do.	9,014	12,660	18,951	27,550	1,368	1,296	923	239	2,781	75,782
Total	do.	35,991	89,677	256,722	296,355	38,524	27,173	41,742	13,844	55,268	855,296
Hides and pelts	do.	2,922	1,612	16,908	31,061	1,795	389	2,392	1,266	1,397	59,682
Fish, frozen	do.	35,567	28,343	14,272	7,017	7,127	7,153	1,788	1,197	(1)20,182	122,646

(1) Includes fish in Alaska.

Table 10. — Commodities stored in public general cold storage warehouses,
March 31, 1956

Cooler commodities	Net Weight	Freezer commodities	Net Weight
	<u>1,000 pounds</u>		<u>1,000 pounds</u>
Apples.....	41,472	Cream.....	5,323
Pears.....	6,350	Butter, creamery.....	74,762
Other fresh fruits.....	7,073	Eggs.....	52,921
Fresh vegetables.....	51,358	Poultry.....	138,420
Dried & evap. fruits.....	34,537	Fruits.....	234,249
Nuts & nut meats.....	168,559	Juices.....	196,148
Cheese.....	320,158	Vegetables.....	338,629
Other dairy products.....	9,050	Beef.....	139,237
Shell eggs.....	12,825	Veal.....	11,727
Dried eggs.....	2,271	Pork.....	292,442
Beef.....	1,893	Lamb and mutton.....	5,640
Pork.....	2,022	Edible offal.....	26,877
Sausage.....	852	Sausage.....	3,434
Canned meats.....	44,706	Fish.....	109,405
Lard.....	43,254	Miscellaneous.....	61,179
Fish.....	13,658		
Miscellaneous.....	126,568		
Total.....	886,606	Total.....	1,690,393

Table 11. — End-of-month stocks of certain commodities in storage owned by the
Government (1)

Commodity	Unit	April 1951-55 av.	April 1955	March 1956	April 1956 (2)
		<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>
Butter, creamery.....	lb.	147,390	257,809	63,201	41,810
American Cheddar cheese.....	do.	144,929	309,507	243,601	204,309
Pork.....	do.	(3)	9,457	7,344	7,531
Beef.....	do.	(3)	7,192	6,197	3,211

(1) Government holdings are included in the tables of total holdings elsewhere in the report and consist of reported stocks held by USDA, the Armed Services, and other Government agencies. In addition to stocks reported above, the Armed Services hold some stocks in space owned and operated by them on which figures are not available.

(2) Based on actual reports. Estimates on late reports are not included. Current figures will be revised next month.

(3) Data not available.

Table 12 .—United States refrigerated net piling space capacity, October 1, 1953 1/

State or geographic region	Type of warehouse							
	Public general		Private & semiprivate general		Meat-packing plants		Apple houses	
	Freezer cu. ft.	Cooler cu. ft.	Freezer cu. ft.	Cooler cu. ft.	Freezer cu. ft.	Cooler cu. ft.	Freezer cu. ft.	Cooler cu. ft.
Maine, N. H. and Vt.....	1,000 1,221	1,000 462	1,000 472	1,000 24	1,000 2/	1,000 2/	1,000 7	1,000 963
Massachusetts.....	7,539	2,845	650	545	2/	2/	14	2,309
Rhode Island & Conn.....	1,106	333	176	70	2/	2/	2	2,367
NEW ENGLAND.....	9,866	3,640	1,298	639	574	84	23	5,639
New York.....	19,477	22,852	1,886	2,993	560	3,452	401	14,558
New Jersey.....	12,138	4,711	505	292	281	103	35	1,984
Pennsylvania.....	8,668	6,267	1,113	1,009	117	864	124	3,641
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	40,283	33,830	3,504	4,294	958	4,419	560	20,183
Ohio.....	7,309	4,774	423	222	325	1,853	18	897
Indiana.....	1,831	644	518	403	312	445	-	443
Illinois.....	15,111	15,671	4,876	2,934	1,958	5,122	-	1,539
Michigan.....	5,308	4,096	1,752	1,461	227	847	(57	(2,475
Wisconsin.....	2,012	6,014	522	3,820	1,593	1,788	-	-
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....	31,571	31,199	8,091	8,840	4,415	10,055	75	5,354
Minnesota.....	5,001	1,085	1,152	97	1,648	1,577	-	-
Iowa.....	3,296	609	755	503	2,630	1,930	-	-
Missouri.....	8,340	5,165	232	305	956	2,234	2/	2/
Dakotas and Nebraska.....	4,148	732	1,533	439	2,652	4,300	-	-
Kansas.....	2,909	7,273	747	227	621	1,785	2/	2/
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....	23,694	14,864	4,419	1,571	8,507	11,826	5	735
Delaware, Maryland & D. C..	7,132	872	272	119	2/	2/	-	986
Virginia and W. Virginia...	2,858	6,811	940	1,416	-	184	480	14,587
North and South Carolina...	694	482	347	214	2/	2/	9	326
Georgia.....	2,396	3,504	631	207	408	486	-	-
Florida.....	5,081	1,129	9,588	35	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	18,161	12,798	11,778	1,991	457	1,016	489	15,899
Kentucky.....	953	889	2/	2/	2/	2/	-	-
Tennessee.....	3,974	2,081	257	3	274	429	2/	2/
Alabama and Mississippi....	1,008	1,094	2/	2/	2/	2/	-	-
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	5,935	4,064	387	119	329	529	2/	2/
Arkansas.....	488	256	(540	(52	2/	2/	2/	2/
Louisiana.....	1,542	972	-	-	2/	2/	2/	2/
Oklahoma.....	1,120	602	100	103	809	1,790	-	-
Texas.....	9,755	4,102	219	714	1,014	1,486	-	-
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	12,905	5,932	859	869	1,846	3,280	2/	2/
MOUNTAIN.....	4,571	1,556	1,143	238	1,064	764	2/	2/
Washington.....	7,974	2,091	4,348	837	339	1,152	259	52,376
Oregon.....	6,845	2,039	3,234	820	(352	(1,664	-	6,489
California.....	21,756	12,198	3,759	11,936	-	-	831	6,097
PACIFIC.....	36,575	16,328	11,341	13,593	691	2,816	1,090	64,962
UNITED STATES.....	183,561	124,211	42,820	32,154	18,841	34,789	2,252	113,548

1/ Total storage capacity in the United States and the lowest temperature at which it could be held as reported by the latest biennial survey, October 1, 1953.

2/ Not shown to avoid disclosure of individual plant reports.

TABLE 13 -- End-of-month space and occupancy in public general refrigerated warehouses

State or geographic region	Net piling space reported (1) April 1956		Percentage of net piling space occupied							
			April 1951-55 av.		April 1955		March 1956		April 1956	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Maine, N. H. and Vt.	434	1,484	54	62	65	48	24	46	26	42
Massachusetts	2,521	5,918	42	76	50	85	76	70	80	67
R. I. and Connecticut	285	794	46	67	44	67	31	46	32	46
New England	3,240	8,196	44	70	51	76	65	63	69	60
New York	22,005	18,291	53	63	52	63	47	60	45	56
New Jersey	3,664	9,201	65	73	70	66	44	58	51	52
Pennsylvania	4,787	8,717	53	80	58	76	57	75	58	73
Middle Atlantic	30,456	36,209	53	69	56	66	48	63	48	59
Ohio	3,390	6,504	58	80	53	79	54	73	57	69
Indiana	708	2,060	65	80	72	76	61	77	69	75
Illinois	13,765	13,903	69	80	71	82	61	78	63	79
Michigan	3,951	4,274	64	81	56	72	55	62	60	62
Wisconsin	4,720	2,511	67	73	65	73	69	66	74	64
East North Central	26,534	29,252	66	80	66	79	61	74	64	72
Minnesota	1,487	4,150	75	86	84	84	76	78	83	82
Iowa	499	2,257	73	85	90	85	72	80	76	82
Missouri	4,933	7,812	72	81	74	76	63	72	65	69
Dakotas and Nebraska	992	3,784	68	80	91	67	60	76	66	71
Kansas	8,993	5,448	66	73	85	42	60	75	59	75
West North Central	16,904	23,451	70	81	82	69	63	75	64	74
Delaware, Maryland & D.C. Virginia and West Va.	1,282 4,972	5,408 2,944	74 43	65 73	70 43	59 70	45 34	50 69	50 31	47 63
North and South Carolina	464	354	62	86	45	87	40	91	33	89
Georgia	3,657	2,315	78	88	62	77	91	88	91	89
Florida	1,114	9,443	67	76	70	90	54	56	62	64
South Atlantic	11,489	20,464	60	75	54	76	56	61	55	62
Kentucky	955	1,171	70	76	81	77	68	68	69	66
Tennessee	2,321	3,751	71	77	76	78	79	80	70	78
Alabama and Mississippi	742	840	72	85	78	78	38	69	38	72
East South Central	4,018	5,762	72	79	77	78	69	76	64	75
Arkansas	256	463	52	70	58	87	49	60	52	53
Louisiana	904	1,276	78	72	68	52	57	68	60	68
Oklahoma	582	1,289	59	82	44	76	67	62	71	60
Texas	6,158	6,541	60	56	52	50	66	59	67	79
West South Central	7,900	9,569	62	61	54	55	65	61	66	74
Mountain	1,344	4,782	68	71	66	65	63	71	62	68
Washington	1,675	7,740	44	38	33	28	30	34	35	30
Oregon	902	6,194	44	31	34	25	28	31	32	19
California	12,482	23,085	52	71	49	58	43	61	42	64
Pacific	15,059	37,019	50	56	46	46	41	50	41	49
United States (4)	116,944	174,704	59	71	60	66	55	64	56	63

(1) Space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held April 30, 1956.

(2) Preliminary

(3) Insufficient returns received from this State.

(4) Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

TABLE 14.-- End-of-month space and occupancy in public general warehouses in selected cities

City (1)	Net piling space reported (2)		Percentage of net piling space occupied							
			March 1955		April 1955		March 1956		April 1956	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
New England:										
Boston	1,715	4,089	41	89	54	88	91	66	92	63
Middle Atlantic:										
New York	5,876	8,891	76	74	82	71	81	67	83	65
Jersey City	3,381	5,960	69	67	73	76	44	58	52	54
Buffalo	565	1,788	82	69	97	66	99	59	99	45
Rochester	6,731	2,340	39	47	32	42	26	45	16	38
Philadelphia	1,728	5,655	72	76	70	71	78	73	83	72
Pittsburgh	1,488	2,108	54	85	62	82	57	77	56	76
E. N. Central:										
Cleveland	2,077	2,631	51	78	47	76	56	68	58	65
Cincinnati	(3)	(3)	49	76	53	77	42	73	(3)	(3)
Chicago	10,743	13,078	61	84	71	82	61	77	65	78
Detroit	3,377	3,865	63	81	62	75	57	64	57	65
Milwaukee	264	1,785	58	76	58	75	61	83	67	75
W. N. Central:										
Minneapolis	913	2,523	75	78	89	82	84	85	93	84
St. Louis	2,004	3,496	68	88	69	88	70	79	69	78
Kansas City	1,621	5,325	49	47	52	43	61	77	67	75
South Atlantic:										
Baltimore & D. C. .	1,208	5,121	60	67	72	60	45	49	49	47
Richmond	940	721	54	68	55	67	62	61	56	63
Norfolk	907	831	82	65	81	67	81	90	81	87
E. S. Central:										
Nashville	(3)	(3)	82	80	85	81	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
Memphis	412	1,632	75	75	68	76	62	77	53	76
W. S. Central:										
New Orleans	775	1,037	65	74	65	72	53	64	57	63
Dallas	3,493	3,536	50	45	51	44	68	55	68	95
Ft. Worth	980	1,124	56	46	55	55	69	62	70	55
Pacific:										
Seattle	717	1,830	50	49	47	39	42	44	63	40
Tacoma	353	1,984	12	29	13	17	9	32	9	22
Portland	363	3,662	60	36	68	30	54	33	57	21
Los Angeles	2,932	6,999	67	69	63	69	56	75	56	77
San Francisco	2,449	3,674	72	70	69	70	43	67	43	67
San Jose	2,204	3,595	25	46	13	40	21	45	14	51
Modesto	966	2,340	63	60	55	56	52	59	52	58

- (1) Space shown includes public warehouses within a 25-mile radius of city named.
 (2) Space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held April 30, 1956.
 (3) Insufficient returns received from this city.

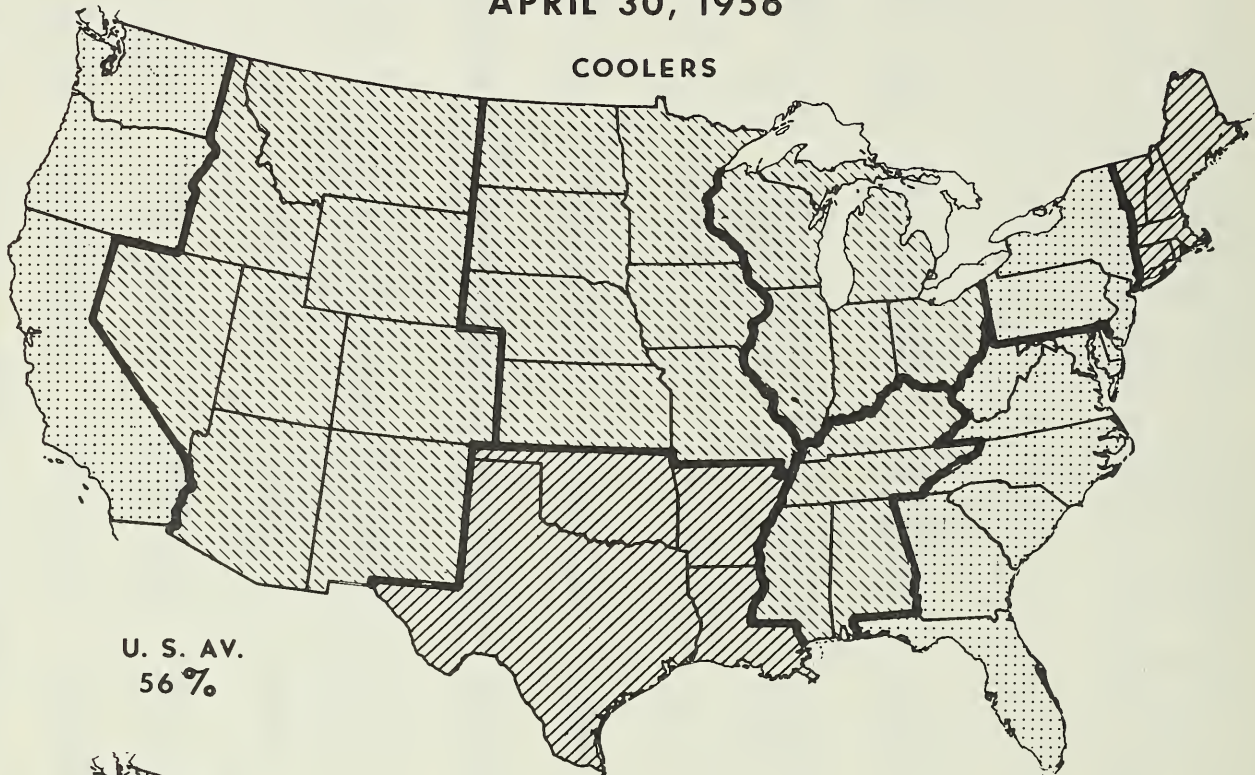
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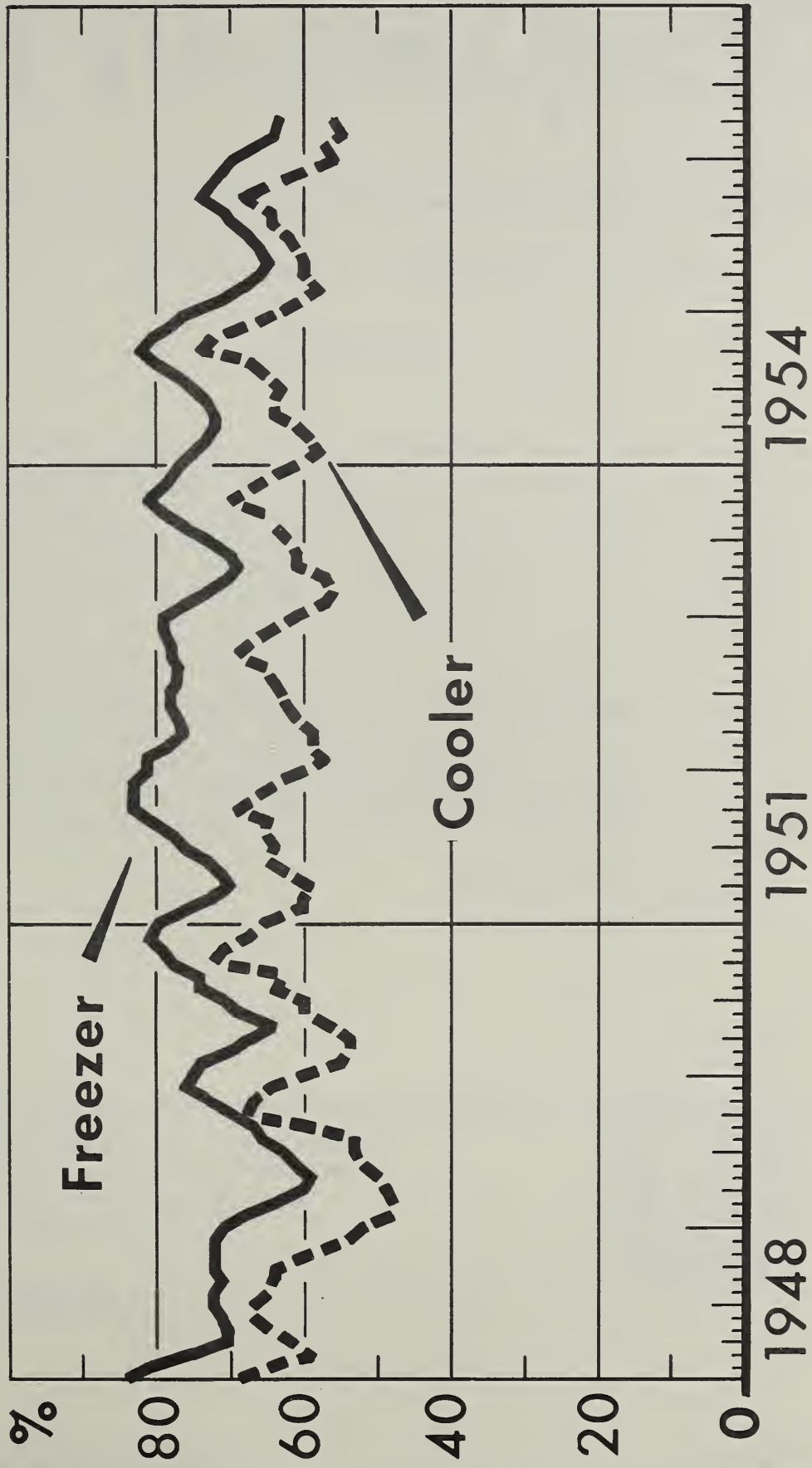


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